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In re the application of

Inventor: Claude et al.

Serial No. 09/827,887

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CHEMICALLY MODIFIED BY
PLASMA POLYMERIZATION**

Examiner: Ahmed Sheeba

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(2548P)

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicant's Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08A is submitted herewith. The requisite fee of \$930 pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed herewith.

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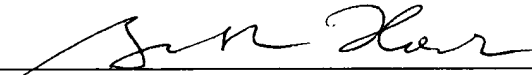
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